set up a plant for supplying LPG by the Indian Oil Corporation at Inamkulathur, Trichey District in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to commission this plant?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set-up a 44 TMTPA LPG bottling plant in Trichy District of Tamil Nadu. This is, however, subject to techno-economic feasibility, product availability etc.

Purchase of Oil

684. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is buying more oil from spot market than from term contracts;

(b) if so, what are the details therefore and the quantity of oil purchased during the last 3 years, yearwise;

(c) what are the reasons for purchasing more oil from spot market; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce purchase of oil from spot market and measures to reduce its imports?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The import of crede oil during the last three years was as under:—

Quantity / MMT

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Term	12·260	12·634	10·605
Spot	7·597	8·063	13·423
TOTAL :	19·857	20·697	24·028

(c) During 1991-92 spot purchases were higher mainly due to shortfall in supply from erstwhile USSR and shortfall in indigenous production which had to be made good on month to month basis under spot purchases.

(d) Indian Oil Corporation have enhanced the quantities under term contracts with national oil companies during the eyar 1992-93 thereby reducing the spot purchases. In order to reduce the imports new oil production projects are being taken up and efforts are also being made to attract private sector investment in the oil production projects.

Setting up of a gas terminal at Usar

685. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total gas production in Bombay High;

(b) what quantity of gas transported through HBJ pipeline;

(c) what is the progress in setting up of a second gas terminal at Usar;